

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
REQUEST FOR FILING APPLICATION UNDER RULE 1.53(b)

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.53(b), please file a continuation/ divisional of the pending prior PATE~~NT~~ C~~OPY~~ L~~IC~~EN~~S~~ATION of:

Inventor: YAN et al

No. 09/021,367

Filed: February 10, 1998

10/23/00

For: **GAS MIXTURES USEFUL AS ULTRASOUND CONTRAST MEDIA CONTRAST AGENTS
CONTAINING THE MEDIA AND METHOD**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This request for filing under Rule 53(b) is made by the following named inventor(s) (using the above-identified title):

Inventor(s): YAN et al

Attached is a true copy of the prior application as originally filed including the specification, claims, Oath/Declaration and drawings (if any) and abstract (if any). No amendments (if any) referenced in the Oath or Declaration filed to complete the prior application introduced new matter.

Priority is hereby claimed under 35 USC 119 based on the following foreign applications, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application:

<u>Application Number</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Day/Month/Year/Filed</u>
93810885.9	Europe	December 15, 1993
<input type="checkbox"/> certified copy(ies) of foreign application(s) attached or		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> already filed on May 1, 1997 in prior appln. no. 08/848,912 filed	May 1, 1997	
<input type="checkbox"/> already filed in _____	file d	_____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The prior application is assigned to Bracco Research S.A..		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney has been granted to Arthur R. Crawford et al, Reg. No. 25,327 of Nixon & Vanderhye P.C., 1100 N. Glebe Rd., 8 th Floor, Arlington, VA 22201.		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Address all future communications to: Nixon & Vanderhye P.C., 1100 N. Glebe Rd., 8 th Floor, Arlington, VA 22201.		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line --This is a division of application Serial No. 09/021,367, filed February 10, 1998, now U.S. patent No. _____, which is a divisional of 08/848, 912, filed May 1, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 5,846,518, which is a divisional of Serial No. 08/637,346, filed April 25, 1996, which is a divisional of Serial No. 08/352,108, filed November 30, 1994, now U.S. Patent No. 5,556,610, which is a continuation-in-part of Serial No. 07/991,237, filed December 16, 1992, now U.S. Patent No. 5,413,774 the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.--		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Examiner's attention is directed to the prior art cited in the parent application by applicant and/or Examiner for the reasons stated therein.		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Please enter the attached and/or below preliminary amendment <u>prior</u> to calculation of filing fee: Cancel claims 1-20 and 23-24 Attached Preliminary Amendment and Information Disclosure Statement		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The entire disclosure of the prior application above-referenced is considered as being part of the disclosure of this new application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.		

FILING FEE IS BASED ON CLAIMS AS FILED LESS ANY HEREWITH CANCELED

Basic Filing Fee

Total effective claims 61 - 20 (at least 20) = 41 x \$ 18.00

\$ 710.00

Independent claims 2 - 3 (at least 3) = 0 x \$ 80.00

\$ 738.00

If any proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, add \$270.00 (ignore improper)

\$ 0.00

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TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED \$ 1718.00

Any future submission requiring an extension of time is hereby stated to include a petition for such time extension.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our **Account N .**

14-1140. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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